GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY DEPOSIT ON RELEASE OF LPG CONNECTION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the time of release of LPG connection distributors charge security depositagainst the equipment (i.e. cylinder and regulator) of the oil companies;

(b) if so, the total security deposit being collected by the distributors from LPG connections;

(c) whether LPG distributors do not pay stamp duty on the amount of security deposit; and

(d) if so, the loss to the exchequer of this kind for the last ten years, year-wise and company-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The current security deposit being charged by the distributors of Public Sector Oil Marketting Companies (OMCs) for a domestic 14.2 kg. cylinder and a regulator is Rs. 700 and Rs. 100 respectively in the entire country except in North-East region. The current security deposit of 14.2 kg. cylinder and regulator in North-East region is Rs. 500 and Rs. 50 respectively.

(c) and (d) The stamp duty as applicable in different States is paid by the distributprs at the time of release of new connections after collecting the same from customers.